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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Christopher M. Jones § GROUP ART UNIT: 1732
 SERIAL NO.: 10/618,781 §
 FILED: July 14, 2003 §
 FOR: Method for Preparing and §
 Processing a Sample for Intensive §
 Analysis §

Customer No.: 46133
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop Amendments
 Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Before considering the present application further on its merits, Applicant requests that the following amendments be entered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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